



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED – 3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Pursuant to Section 1473 of the Health and Safety Code, authorize acceptance of the compromise offers of settlement from the following individuals who were injured in a third party compensatory accident and who received medical care at a County facility:

Robert J. Byrne, in amount of \$10,209
Antonio Rojas, in amount of \$15,701.17
Abelardo Diaz, in amount of \$33,073.22
Ana D. Mendoza, in amount of \$94,569.26
Christopher M. Zavala, in amount of \$23,576.42

JUSTIFICATION:

The best interest of the County would be served by the approval of this recommendation and the County Counsel concurs.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The compromise offers of settlement are recommended because the patients, estates, or legally responsible relatives are unable to pay the charges.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

This action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility in pursuing collection of charges owed for County services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County will recover partial payment from a third party against debts, otherwise uncollectible due to the limited financial resources of the individuals who received the medical care.

Respectfully submitted,



MARK J. SALADINO
Treasurer and Tax Collector

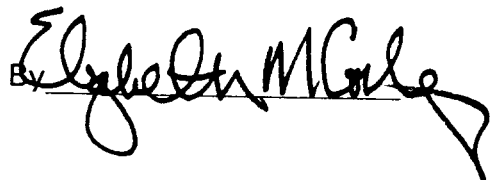
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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

APPROVED
LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

By 

DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 49A
DATE: October 31, 2002

Amount of Aid	\$43,886.00	Account Number	10539881
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Byrne, Robert J.
Balance Due	43,886.00	Service Date	12/08/00 to 12/18/00
Compromise Amount Offered	10,209.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$33,677.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Byrne was involved in a slip and fall accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$43,886.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$35,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$14,000.00	\$10,936.48	31.25%
Attorney Cost	1,400.62	1,400.62	4.00%
Northridge Hospital	3,635.80	1,000.00	2.85%
American Medical Response	628.00	453.90	1.30%
County of Los Angeles	43,886.00	10,209.00	29.17%
Net to Client	N/A	11,000.00	31.43%
Total	\$63,550.42	\$35,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Byrne is unemployed and receives social security and food stamps. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 49B
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Amount of Aid	\$72,098.00	Account Number	10359162
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Rojas, Antonio
Balance Due	72,098.00	Service Date	10/25/98 to 04/15/99
Compromise Amount Offered	15,701.17	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$56,396.83	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Rojas was involved in a dog bite accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$72,098.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$48,600.42 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$19,440.17	\$16,200.14	33.33%
Joel Aronowitz, M.D.	800.00	500.00	1.03%
Multicare Medical Group of ELA	525.00	200.00	0.41%
LA Community Hospital	1,276.75	1,276.75	2.62%
County of Los Angeles	72,098.00	15,701.17	32.31%
Net to Client	N/A	14,722.36	30.30%
Total	\$94,139.92	\$48,600.42	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Rojas supports himself and a family of four with a marginal income. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 49C
DATE: October 31, 2002

Amount of Aid	\$164,214.00	Account Number	10616271
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Diaz, Abelardo
Balance Due	164,214.00	Service Date	10/02/01 to 10/29/01
Compromise Amount Offered	33,073.22	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$131,140.78	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Diaz was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$164,214.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$100,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 33,073.22	33.07%
Attorney Cost	2,620.32	780.34	0.79%
County of Los Angeles	164,214.00	33,073.22	33.07%
Net to Client	N/A	33,073.22	33.07%
Total	\$206,834.32	\$100,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Diaz supports himself and spouse with a marginal income. He is buying a home and has no other tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 49D
DATE: October 31, 2002

Amount of Aid	\$170,374.00	Account Number	10512516
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Mendoza, Ana D.
Balance Due	170,374.00	Service Date	06/11/00 to 09/27/00
Compromise Amount Offered	94,569.26	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$75,804.74	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Mendoza was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$170,374.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$500,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$178,780.52	\$178,780.52	35.75%
Attorney Cost	1,041.57	1,041.57	0.21%
Rancho Los Amigos (Compspec)	98,350.00	53,258.98	10.65%
Antelope Valley	15,204.00	10,204.00	2.04%
Antelope Valley E.R.	415.00	415.00	0.08%
Scott Weiner Chiropractic	1,055.00	1,055.00	0.21%
Hull Ambulance	3,078.75	3,078.75	0.62%
Lawrence Miller, M.D.	5,238.00	4,011.00	0.80%
Vector Rehabilitation Center	5,970.00	5,970.00	1.20%
County of Los Angeles	170,374.00	94,569.26	18.91%
Net to Client	N/A	147,615.92	29.53%
Total	\$479,506.84	\$500,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Mendoza is unemployed and receives support from her family. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 49E
DATE: October 31, 2002

Amount of Aid	\$62,218.00	Account Number	10555514
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Zavala, Christopher M.
Balance Due	62,218.00	Service Date	02/25/00 to 04/12/00
Compromise Amount Offered	23,576.42	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$38,641.58	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Zavala was involved in a trip and fall accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$62,218.00. Medi-Cal covered charges for a non-county facility only.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$77,500.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$25,833.33	\$25,833.33	33.34%
Attorney Cost	2,867.46	2,867.46	3.70%
State Dept. of Health Services	590.77	590.77	0.76%
Dr. Bruce Broukhim	1,260.00	900.00	1.16%
Tuloumne General Hospital	1,045.80	1,045.80	1.34%
Tuloumne Outpatient Rehab Ctr.	542.20	542.20	0.70%
Tuloumne Radiology	41.00	41.00	0.05%
County of Los Angeles	62,218.00	23,576.42	30.43%
Net to Client	N/A	22,103.02	28.52%
Total	\$94,398.56	\$77,500.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Zavala is unemployed and receives support from his girlfriend. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.